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Just boost a little for Honolulu.  
The habit is a good one to cultivate.

Pacific Coast people are determined  
to secure an early return of the Fleet,  
if they have to raise a row to get it.

Land exchanges that settle more  
people in permanent homes come  
under the head of satisfying long-felt  
wants.

According to the letters received  
from Kihio, the people of Honolulu  
might well devote serious attention  
to the Federal building.

William Randolph Hearst finds  
food and drink in agitation. Where  
it may lead the Nation is a matter in  
which he is not interested.

Secretary Newberry ought to know  
how much damage is done the Navy  
Department by frequent changes in  
the official head. He is one of the  
short-termers.

Brother Taft is coming into office  
with a legacy of more picturesque  
names applied to his predecessor than  
any President has shouldered in the  
last generation.

Remember that Honolulu is bound  
to grow. The speed depends on the  
loyalty and the enthusiasm with  
which the people keep the develop-  
ment moving aggressively along  
American lines.

Go ahead with the post-card vote  
on the coastwise suspension law.  
Make the names public. Then the  
American Nation will have a perma-  
nent record of those supporting the  
policy of surrender.

The time will come when the sour-  
est dyspeptic will claim that he is  
the man who always said Honolulu  
would grow. That will mean the  
pressure of optimism is so great that  
the sour can no longer hold out.

Surrender the commerce of the  
Pacific to the Japanese flag, and what  
stands between Hawaii and complete  
Orientalization, in which the Ameri-  
can merchant will be absolutely in  
the hands of the foreigner?

You made your fortunes in Hawaii.  
What proportion have you returned  
to promote the further prosperity of  
the Territory and its people. And  
why should the fortunate hesitate to  
contribute a liberal share for govern-  
mental necessities?

High-wage agitators in Honolulu  
are doing their utmost to duplicate  
the criminal follies of the agitators  
in California and Nevada. But there  
is enough ballast of reliable citizen-  
ship here and on the Pacific Coast to  
hold the situation level.

The Bulletin has received an  
open letter in which a writer takes  
Rev. J. W. Wadman to task for his  
comment on the menials who accept  
tips. The method of expression is  
more than picturesque and needs con-  
siderable retouching before it can be  
published.

President Roosevelt's message to  
Congress was in the hands of news-  
papers five thousand miles distant  
fully two weeks before it was read in  
Congress. May we hope that the Ex-  
ecutive of Hawaii will do one-half as  
well in dealing with Honolulu? Or  
is life more strenuous in the Palace  
than in the White House?

Seattle also has its troubles. A  
recent letter to the Chamber of Com-  
merce states that the people of Seat-  
tle are reported to be starving and  
the writer had been advised to stay  
away from the place. Of course the  
letter came from the East, where they  
still think Honolulu is an assembly  
of grass huts on the beach.

Tourists are coming this way as  
never before. Which would indicate  
that tourist traffic depends on the  
habit of travel, and Hawaii can well  
afford to make the habit exclusively  
American in its relation to the steam-  
recent letter to its Chamber of Com-  
merce patronized. Particularly when  
we need a merchant marine to support  
our Navy.

General business continues quiet  
and is likely to so remain until the

tariff question is settled and the sap  
begins to rise in spring.—Henry  
Clews.

That applies exclusively to the  
mainland. Honolulu should begin to  
hustle right now under the influence  
of added American population.

Reduction of five cents a can seems  
very little to the consumer, and tre-  
mendous to the producer. The hypo-  
thetical influence of an even quarter  
as against thirty cents is recognized  
by every retail merchant. It is also  
possible that the same result would  
be realized if the price were made  
"twenty-nine cents, reduced from  
thirty."

## THE WEST AND THE JAPANESE.

California and Nevada have given  
proof that they have a population of  
the agitator stripe, capable of making  
itself heard and always looking for  
trouble.

It goes without saying that the av-  
erage citizen of California and Nevada  
is not in sympathy with any move-  
ment that is likely to bring the United  
States into serious conflict with any  
nation, and especially with Japan.

On the other hand this same av-  
erage citizen of the Pacific Coast is very  
well settled in his determination that  
the western States shall not become  
Orientalized. Consequently when the  
agitators got out on the house tops  
and shout, there is not the undercur-  
rent of sympathy for the race attacked  
that brings about prompt squelching  
of the fire brands and makes the trouble  
makers hunt their holes.

The average American of the Pacific  
Coast does not intend that any race or  
nationality shall dictate to him what  
he shall do and more especially does  
he refuse to allow the Oriental to gain  
a foothold. This sentiment pervades  
the Coast so thoroughly that it recog-  
nizes none of the international bord-



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ers. Canada has expressed itself, and  
in much the same terms as California.  
Capitalists want inexpensive labor  
and plenty of it. The average Ameri-  
can and the average Canadian demand  
that the Pacific Coast be preserved as  
a white man's country. And they are  
mighty touchy on that point. They  
draw attention to Hawaii as a horri-  
ble example.

This is the reason why radical resolu-  
tions gain headway in the legislative  
bodies. The representative of the dis-  
contented has to move in order to ex-  
press the ideas of his constituents.  
The country member slides along with  
the current. Even the President's  
warning does not frighten him, be-  
cause on general principles he believes  
that the American nation should not  
kowtow to anyone.

Other than giving voice to opinions  
the resolutions proposed in the Legis-  
lature of the Pacific Coast will have  
no more effect than the wif's utter-  
ances of the radicals in Japan.

## MERCHANTS AND COASTWISE SUSPENSION

Editor Evening Bulletin:  
A rumor is current that "The Mer-  
chants' Association is to make another  
move to get on the right side of the  
coastwise laws suspension question."

As a member of the Association I  
feel that the merchants of Honolulu  
have taken advanced ground on  
coastwise suspension. I am proud of  
the action taken and hope that any  
further "move" to be made will be  
in the direction of laying bare the  
true underlying causes of the present  
deplorable state of our American  
merchant marine.

We diligently reprint Mark  
Twain's utterances regarding Hawaii  
and I take the liberty of quoting the  
following from his "Innocents  
Abroad" (published 1867)—before  
Protection swept the sea:

"While (passing through the  
Straits of Gibraltar) we stood ad-  
miring the cloud-capped peaks and  
the lowlands robed in misty gloom, a  
finer picture burst upon us and  
chained every eye like a magnet—a  
stately ship, with canvas filled on  
cannvass till she was one towering  
mass of bellying sail! She came  
speeding over the sea like a great  
bird. Africa and Spain were forgot-  
ten. All homage was for the beauti-  
ful stranger. While everybody gazed,  
she swept superbly by and flung  
the Stars and Stripes to the breeze!  
Quicker than thought, hats and  
handkerchiefs flashed in the air, and  
a cheer went up! She was beautiful  
before—she was radiant now. Many  
a one on our decks knew then for the  
first time how tame a sight his coun-  
try's flag is at home compared to  
what it is in a foreign land. To see  
it is to see a vision of home and its  
ideals, and feel a thrill that would  
stir a very river of sluggish blood!"

What American—living as we do  
—with the boundless ocean inviting  
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can read the above lines without a  
sense of pride over this word-picture

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of forty years ago?—a sense of shame  
—that the auspicious state of our  
merchant marine of those days should  
be practically wiped out by legisla-  
tion necessitated by the Civil War  
but which has been perpetuated un-  
der one guise or another, until the  
child of necessity has grown to be  
the Mother of Trusts!

Play to the galleries as we may,  
pass resolutions and counter resolu-  
tions as we will,—until the Mer-  
chants' Association of Honolulu  
grapples the problem of American  
shipping from the standpoint of the  
greatest good to the greatest num-  
ber, it had better "stand pat" on its  
present action.

JOHN EMMELUTH,  
Honolulu, Feb. 2, '09.

## BAR ROOM FRACAS LANDS MAN ON REEF

Antonio Costa, one of the first Porto  
Ricans to come to these islands, as a  
contract laborer, once more faced  
Judge Andrade in the Police Court  
this morning.

Tony has, it is charged, a rooted ob-  
jection to hard work—that is as a free  
man. When not residing at the Gov-  
ernment hotel on the waterfront he  
does the dulce far niente stunts in the  
tenderloin districts, according to the  
police. He branched out in a new  
venture yesterday, but, alas, a new  
industry—for Antonio—was squelched  
almost embryo.

Tony knew a Porto Rican who  
carved kukut nuts, and seeing the pos-  
sibility of the business, undertook to  
attend to the selling end of the game.  
Wandering into a down-town saloon  
he tried to do business with a couple  
of soldiers. The Japanese bartender  
objected to Tony trying to annex any  
of the soldiers' loose change.

An argument ensued, and Tony, los-  
ing his temper, is alleged to have  
struck the booze dispenser. The Jap-  
anese, a much smaller man, grabbed a  
whip and retaliated. Then there  
was a five-minute rough house. Tony  
had the best of the affair till the police  
arrived.

Costa got his two weeks' room, and  
a free meal ticket for the same length  
of time, this morning from the Judge.

## POLICE OFFICER SAYS

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assistance they set fire to the grass  
and wood under the house, the entire  
building being soon enveloped in  
flames.

That the alleged facts came out at  
this late date is explained by the state-  
ment that Manuel looking for appoint-  
ment on the force and wishing to  
make himself solid, told about the  
affair to a police official, full investi-  
gation being the result. The offi-  
cers of the prosecution, especially  
the police department heads, are very  
reticent about the facts of the case,  
but it is understood that not only  
has the prosecution in its possession  
signed statements by Manuel and  
the two sons of the old man who are  
alleged to have assisted in the prepa-  
rations for the fire, but have also a  
complete and signed confession by  
Kaumomona, setting out the facts to  
be proven, as stated above.

On the other hand there are many  
people in town who believe the whole  
affair is spitz work.

## WHY NOT?

Editor Evening Bulletin:  
Bp. Restarick might change the  
name "Iolani" to:—"St. Andrew's  
College," "St. Andrew's Cathedral  
School," or "St. Andrew's for Boys,"  
etc.

EDITOR TIMES.

Jan. 30, '09.  
D. O. Mills and his daughter, Mrs.  
Whitlaw Reid, arrived in San Fran-  
cisco from New York. They will  
pass the winter at the Mills country  
home near that city.



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